



THE JUDEAN
DESERT
WESTERN ISRAEL

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

MATTHEW 4:1

MARCH 1
2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel,

we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

**SAINT PATRICK
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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 1, 2020**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 29, 2020
5:45 pm +Loretta Tulley
Sunday, March 1, 2020
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, March 2, 2020
9:00 am +Gloria Konsack
Tuesday, March 3—NO MASS
Wednesday, March 4, 2020—NO MASS
Thursday, March 5, 2020
9:00 am +Sandra & Richard Gotlund
Friday, March 6, 2020 - Fast
9:00 am Adoration until 11am
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 7, 2020
5:45 pm +Jeanne Kuzmicz req. by Cathy & Paul Engler
Sunday, March 8, 2020
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick



Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 7 - 5:45 pm
Brent Bieschke, Volunteer
Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 am
Alexander & Annabelle Lawson

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, March 7 - 5:45 pm
Cameron Luehrs / Eva Luehrs
Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 7 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora
Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 am
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, February March 7- 5:45 pm
Mark Tillotson / Howard Bieschke
Sunday, March 8- 9:00 am
Eddie Horath / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 3/08/2020: Boyle, Kotesa & Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, February 23.....\$2,724.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD 1 HOUR
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 8**

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.



**Our Two Week
Candle is
burning for a
Special Intention
of the Giver**



Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will allow us to be *Kind and Merciful* as. Together, we do God's work here on earth. Every gift brings us closer to our parish's 2020 CMAA goal of \$10,200. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 from your mobile phone. Thank you.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

PRAYER FOR MARCH:

God of mercy, you have given us this special time
to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News
and draw closer to you.

May this season of Lent help us be good stewards
of this time: to fast and pray,
be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season
as a new opportunity to renew our lives
and gain a deeper appreciation of
Your active presence in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others,
especially the poor and those who suffer.
And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of
Your love so that we may be better stewards of
Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."

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Applications the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the parish office to obtain a BBSF Application form. Forms should be submitted back to the parish office by March 31. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmgt.com>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND FACTS to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35/pp fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report..



IRISH MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 AT 9:00AM
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
MANHATTAN
FR. KARL LANGSDORF CELEBRANT
TEA AND SCONES WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$[amount] to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

for more information.

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

First Sunday of Lent: In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Fr. Joe Follmar; Russ McClellon; Bob O'Neil; Bob Johnson

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF MARCH**

- We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link. **CHANGES ARE COMING – NEW EASIER TO USE FORMAT.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
MARCH 1, 2020**



Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
 Monday: Lenten Weekday
 Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
 Wednesday: St. Casimir
 Friday: First Friday – Abstinence
 World Day of Prayer;
 Saturday: First Saturday
 Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;

ST. ROSE AUCTION 'HAVANA NIGHTS' MARCH 7TH. Dinner tickets have sold out, but come for the live auction and open bar at 7:45pm. Cost: \$25/person. Pay at the door and must be over 21. *For more information call Jill Duffy @ 815-955-6208 or Heather Hobbs @ 815-715-4017.*



BEING LIKE GOD

The story of Adam and Eve, in Genesis 2 and 3, considers the origins of the trials and sufferings that we experience in human life. Part of the problem, the story suggests, is the human effort to be like God. Humans are therefore forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story is quite a contrast to Genesis 1, which proclaims that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and called to seek to become more like God.

This creates a tension that points to a challenge in our life of faith: we are created both to embody God by developing our God-given human capacities, and also to live in radical trust and dependence on God. We are called to embrace and to live into this tension.

GOD'S BELOVED

When the people of Israel were freed from Egypt, they were declared to be God's chosen and beloved people. They wandered in the desert for forty years, often with great resistance, as God prepared them to enter the Promised Land.

Jesus' forty days in the desert echo their story, and offer a contrast. At his baptism, just before being led into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was declared by a voice from the heavens to be God's "beloved Son." So, twice in today's passage, he is lured with the words "If you are the Son of God . . ." The devil tempts Jesus to redefine his sonship of God on his own terms, instead of following his Father. Israel had failed to understand its identity as God's people, but Jesus demonstrates how to live as God's Beloved.

These contrasting stories of Israel and of Jesus present us with a challenge. We are regularly tempted to redefine our identity as Christians on our own terms, to make faith comfortable and non-threatening. This Lenten season can re-mind us to allow God to transform our minds and hearts on God's terms.

Today's Readings: Gen 2:7–9, 3:1–7; Ps 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 17; Rom 5:12–19 [12, 17–19]; Mt 4:1–11

3/1/2020